

THE READING SOCIETY.

"The Apprentice," M. S. Rawson.

A novel, and good as a novel; but far better as a description of an ideal spot for a summer "touring." The descriptions of the Sussex marsh country, though supposed to refer to the early days of the 19th Century, are accurate now. Rye and Winchelsea are the places described, and the book should send many there who have not already fallen beneath their spell.

"The Old Road," H. Belloc.

An account of the Pilgrims' Way from Winchester to Canterbury. The writer has traced the track on foot; and his theories as to its prehistoric origin are of absorbing interest, and his descriptions of the actual country of great value and beauty.

BOOKS FOUND USEFUL IN TEACHING.

"Les Verbes Appris par la Conversation" (per M. D. Berlitz).

The Berlitz School,
231, Oxford Street,
London.

"Useful Cane-work," illustrated by R. M. Jacob. Charles and Dible.

"Jörn Uhl," Von Georg Freusseau.

A fascinating romance of wonderful originality, and peculiarly interesting as psychological study of a people—the dwellers in the Dithmarschen in Schleswig-Holstein. This book made the fame of its author in Germany about two years ago.

(E. Wilkinson kindly offers to lend this book to any careful reader.)

STUDENTS' MEETINGS.

October 29th.—This meeting was held at 50, Porchester Terrace, by kind invitation of Mrs. Franklin.

Members present: Misses Allen, M. Corder, Dismore, Evans, Faunce, L. Gray, Mrs. Hall, Misses Heath, Kitching, McSheehy, Parish, Pennethorne.

This was quite a large meeting, and much enjoyed by all present. Special pleasure was felt at the presence of Miss Elsie Kitching, who came with her sister; and we were all delighted to see her and hear news of Miss Mason first hand. Everyone welcomed the lucky chance that brought a students' meeting on an available day of Miss Kitching's holiday.

Mrs. Franklin told us about the Schools, both Boys' and Girls', who have lately joined the P.R.S. Miss McSheehy, who many of us had not seen for some time, is now working in a boys' school in Sloane Square that has lately joined. The Principal is most enthusiastic, and greatly appreciates Miss McSheehy's help.

Mrs. Franklin had a copy of the new edition of "Parents and Children" to show us. It is a much smaller volume than the old one—small 8vo., bound in light green with gold lettering, and a reproduction of the Students' badge on the back—altogether a delightful book. The great advantage to the new editions is that they have questions at the end on each chapter. Questions have been prepared for Home Education also, and may be bound up with the old edition for a small cost.

"Ourselves, Our Souls and Bodies," and "School Education" are both coming out in the new edition.

The event of the afternoon was Mrs. Franklin's account of her visit to the Third International Women's Congress, held at Berlin in June. She read a Paper there, giving an

account of the work of the P.N.E.U., which was very well received.

A great many Papers were read on educational subjects, and there was much discussion on the State Education, which is the rule in Germany.

The chief evils everyone seemed to complain of were that there was no co-operation between parents and children, and that the children are to a very great extent over-worked.

The Conference was magnificently entertained during its stay, one of the festivities being a garden party at Potsdam.

Mrs. Franklin visited the Pestalozzi-Froebel Hans while in Berlin, which is a kind of training college for kindergärtnerin and nurses, run on lines very much resembling those of the House of Education. There is a Crêch as well as School attached, and the students have charge of a group of children in turn, and manage them on the lines of a home nursery. Girls from the working classes are also received to train for nursery maids. There is a kind of technical branch where girls may receive a finish to their education by taking lessons in all branches of domestic economy—the art of housekeeping—so dear to the Hans-frau. The whole establishment sounded most interesting, and seemed to combine in itself all that is attempted by the Froebel Institute, the Norland, and the Battersea Polytechnic. Sesame Hans is really an offshoot from Berlin, the Principal having worked there before she came to England.

November 26th.—Meeting held at the York Tea Rooms, Baker Street.

Members present: Misses Allen, G. Edwards, Faunce, McSheehy, Pennethorne.

The very foggy day may perhaps account for the large number of absentees at this meeting, which was really rather important, as the Editor brought estimates and a drawing of the new badges to show those present. Spiers and Pond have given us the best estimate—3s. 6d. each badge, and £1 5s. 6d. for the die. They will make as few as a dozen at a time; whereas other firms have declined to issue a smaller number than 250. The design is to be identical with the old badge, only carried out in silver, much smaller, and the rush is to be green and brown enamel, and the lettering

silver on green. The colours are to match the cover of "L'Umile Pianta." It will take some time to get out the first ones, but orders may be sent either to Miss Allen or Miss Pennethorne at once.

After discussing the date for the next meeting, the party broke up early, to get home before the fog made travelling more dangerous than comfortable.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The date of the next meeting will be Saturday, December 17th, and it will be held in the York Tea Rooms at 3-30. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend, especially all members of the Conference Committee, as it is desirable to fix the subjects for Papers and Discussions as far as possible at that meeting. The A.S.A. Committee hope that December 17th will enable students who are at present still at the House of Education to attend—Seniors and Juniors. Will all students who have suggestions to make for Conference subjects please send them to Miss Allen or Miss Pennethorne before that date; or if the Magazine arrives too late, *not later than January 1st*?

Will the Senior of each year endeavour, as far as possible, to find out how many of her year will attend the Conference, and send word to Miss Allen before December 17th, or bring her list to the meeting?

The date decided for the Conference is from Saturday, April 29th, to Saturday, May 6th inclusive, which is the week following Easter week.